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Docket No. 10690/112483

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Berend HOUWEN, *et al.* ) Examiner: G. Gabel  
Serial No.: 09/388,899 ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
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For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES**

New York, NY  
March 20, 2001

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The three-month shortened statutory time period for response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2000 expired on February 20, 2001. A one-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action is March 20, 2001 with a properly executed certificate of mailing. 37 C.F.R. §§1.8; and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Please charge any extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.